Testimony of JESUS REVIV'D,

Respecting the TRINITY.

Presented to the View

Of Believing Christians.

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Aged 72. 1724.

Having lived to See and Experience much of the Vanity of this World, and Vexation of Spirit therein.

In an Age, wherein the Scripture and Christian Religion, is Mixed with, Corrupted and Perverted by, Paganish Antichristian Phylosophy, their Morals, Physicks, and Metaphysicks, concerning GOD, his WORD and WORKS.

Unless thy Law had been my Delight, I had perished in mine Affliction. Psal cxix. 92.

This is my Comfort in my Affliction, thy Word hath quickened me. Verse 50.

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Christian Reader.

Considering the many Errors that do abound both in Principle and Practice, and the Opposition I have met with, where I expected more Comfort; has cost me much Time and Pains in Searching of the Holy Scriptures, to Find out Truth, and to Discern between Truth and Falshood for my Establishment

And having but a weak Memory, have writ much, and always had a willing Mind to Communicate to others, what the Lord bath freely given to me for their Edification, Jude v. 20. and being but of a weak Capacity for a work of this Nature, have made some Trial to find a faithful Friend to my Assistance, but to no Purpose, so that I find that Scripture A 2 made

made good, Prov. XX. 6. A Faithful Friend who can find? But am willing to do something after the best Manner I can, in the Vindication of Truth, as the Lord shall assist me, against Paganish Antichristian Error and Heresy, which is contrary to Christ and his Word.

Do not Censure before you Read, but Read and Try by the Holy Scripture; then judge Righteously and Conscientiously,

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And if thou perceivest any Weakness in the Anthor, let his good Intentions supply that Defect, and let not Truth suffer thereby, for that will commend its self in every Man's Conscience in the Sight of God.

And that it may do so in thee, Christian Reader, is my hearty desire.

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in common use among us, they are not Original Hibrer Names, but Paganish Equivocal Names, that are given also to Idols, as to the true God; and by this means many are kept in Blindness and Ignorance, and from the Knowledge of Jehovah Ælohim, in the Holy Scripture, and of the true meaning thereof, and of the Doctrine of the TRINITY in UNITY, and the ESSENTIAL DIVINITY of CHRIST contained therein.

For as the Hebrew Name JEHOVAH in the singular Number, is a Name of Being of Effence, Infinity, Eternity and Unity, setting forth the Divine Being as such, from whom all other created Beings have their Beings communicated unto them. And this Name JEHOVAH is never given to any Creature in the Flory Scripture; but this Name JEHOVAH is ascribed to the FATHER, and to the SON

SON, and to the HOLY SPIRIT; which Name, the superstitious Jews, and others from them, will not pronounce, lest thereby they should acknowledge CHRIST to be JEHOVAH, and so equal in Essence with the FATHER, though it be so often Written in the Old Testament, and many times in one Chapter,

as about eleven times in Gen. ii.

So also the Name ÆLOHIM, in the plural Number, comprehending the Dodrine of the TRINITY of PERSONS, as the other doth their UNITY of ESSENCE. Here the corrupt Jews will not own the Plurality of this Word, nor other Unitarians with them, who deny the Do Trine of the Trinity in Unity, and Equality of Essence, and the Essential Divinity of CHRIST, and apply this Name Elobim, to the FATHER only, by way of Superiority and Supremacy, as Kings fay, We will and command. And as before, the Name GOD doth not give a clear Idea of the True GOD, or ÆLOHIM, in Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but is Equivocal given also to False Gods, and so leaves Men in Blindness and in Ignorance, and so are easily drawn away by Phylosophy and vain Deceit, by the Cunning and Slight of Men; and by their Phylosophical and Metaphysical Notions that God is a Spirit, without Bady, Parts and Passions; and so some deny the Essential Divinity of Christ, because

Chap. 2. Of God's Word

because he had a Body, Parts, and Passions after his Incarnation; though he did Pre-exist, and was God and Manbefore, and had a Spiritual Body, under the Pormer Dispensation. and the World was made by Jesus Christ. But of this afterward.

CHAP. IL

Concerning the Word of Christ.

Ome will have the Old Testament to be the Word of God, i. e. of the Father; and not to be the Word of Christ the Son. Some are for a New Testament Christ. A New Testament Mediator. A New Testament Covenant. A New Testament Law, and a New Testament Gospel, a New Testament Faith, and so reject Christ and all his Offices, his Law, and his Gospel in the Old Testament. Some are for one Translation of the Bible, some for another, as they have pass'd thorough various Hands, Greeks, Romans, Arians, Socimians, Papists, every Party making them subject to their own Notions; by Alterations, Additions, and Substractions, and by Tropical, Allegorical and Metaphorical Evafions; making of God's Works. Chap. 3

Holy Penmen that write them, as they were moved by the Spirit of Christ; and so bring that Judgment upon themsolves, Reviewin.

But Blessed be God, we have a Standard, a more sure Word of Prophecy, the Original Hebrew, to try all Translations, and all Opinions by.

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Hele are many ways perverted; fome will have this World created out of a Chaos, or first Matter; when the Holy Scripture says, they were created by Ælohim, out of nothing, as the Word Create doth fignify. By the Word of his Power. Heb. xi. 3.

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Chap. 3.

the World. Others about many Worlds. And the World being made by Angels, &c. By which many are Deluded, to flight the

Scripture Revelation.

Some will have the whole Creation to be finished in Six Days, (perverting the Scriptures) and no SEVENTH DAY SABBATH CREATED; nor any Spiritual Work done thereon, nor Blest, nor Sandissed more than other Days. And so make every Day alike.

Some turn Gen. II. 1, 2, 3. (wherein is the INSTITUTION of the SABBATH) into an Allegory, or Mystical, and Spiritual meaning; afferting that Christ and the Holy Spirit were Created on the First Sixth Day after Adams Fall. And pervert the Scripture, by misplacing Gen. II. 1, 2, 3, after Gen. Chap. III to comply with this Notion.

Some say Christ was a Creature 5 and that God the Father did fift Create the Spirit of Christ, and then did Create all other things

by him as an Instrument.

Some say Christ had no being before he was Incarnate, and born of the Virgin Mary. And that he was not Jesus Christ, under the Old Testament.

Some are for a First Day Sabbath, in opposition to, and in Contradistinction from the Seventh Day Sabbath of Jehovah; calling it the Jewish Sabbath.

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Some are for a Sabbath or any Sabbath after Mens Working Six Days, making the Time uncertain when the Seventh Day is.

Some are for a Day, according to the Custome or Traditions of Men; or the Place where they Live, or a Paganifb Custome. But this is no certain Rule, " Versteg an faith That the Germans when they were Pagans, "consecrated the First Day of the Week to "the Sun, as the Prince of Planets, whose Image they placed on a Pillar in the Temople, fashioned half naked, his Face as it " were bright red with gleams of Fire; and holding with his Arms bowing Archwife, a burning Wheel before his Breaft; the Wheel being to fignifie the Course which he runneth about the World, and " the fiery gleams and brightness, the light "and heat wherewith he warmeth and comforeth the things that grow. Se Mirsheus Guide into Tongues, and the Word Day. " And Staliger de Emend. temp. P. 46, 47. Some fay Chrift had no gelore sin to

Thus Mr. Fancis Bamphield in his Book

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And the Israelites were guilty of this Sin of Sun Worship, following the Custom of other Nations, Eze. 8. 16. And be brought me into the inner Court of the Lords House, and behold at the Door of the Temple of the LORD, Some between between the Porch and the Altar, were about five and twenty Men, with their backs toward the Temple of the LORD and their Faces towards the East, and they Worsh ped the Sun toward the East.

So Hosea, II. 13. And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burnt Incense to them, and she decked her self with her Earrings and her Jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me saith the LORD, ver. 16, 17. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that they shall call me ISHI; (i. e. my Husband) and shall call me no more Baal (i. e. my Lord.) And I will take away the names of Baalim out of her Month, and they shall no more be remembred by their names.

Note, That Baalim in Hebrew, is Bell in Chalde, in Latin it is Domini, in English

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"And Mr. Rojs, in his View of all Reli-"gions, P. 520, saith that by Baal is meant the Sun.

Some also pervert the Law of the Creation

as to the Beginning of the Day.

Some will have the Day to begin at Midnight, some at Sun-Rising. And as some will
have the Evening to begin at Noon, so some
will have it to begin at Three in the Afternoon. And so not only Subverting the Time
of Blessed and Sanctified Worship, on the
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Seventh Day Sabbath; of Jehovah thy Ælobei. But also the daily Instituted Time of Evening and Marning Worship; beginning at Sun-jet, and at or before Suz-rifing.

I might here inlarge concerning the Crea. tion of Places, as of Heaven, and of Hell, and of Angels, &c. But I shall Chiefly confine my felf, to the confideration of the Creation of Man.

And here some affert that Adam was Created Inherently Perfect, having a Freedom of Will, and Power in himfelf to do the Will of God; but Mutable, in the beginning of the Sixth Day. And that he was capable of Repentance, and of Saving himself, in case of Sin and Ap flacy. And that he was Recreated Immutably Perfect, by the Promised Seed of the Woman, Gen. III. 15. in the Close of his First Six Day after Adam's Fall; and before the Seventh Day.

" Pynchon's Holy Time in his Preface. And John Goodwin, that great Champion for Free-Will, and General Redemption; expresfeth himfelf thus. " Pagans Dept and Dowery, P 8, 9. Speaking of the Law of

Wature. There was a Principle vested " by God in the Nature of Man, where-

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" Adam unmaimed and in sufficient Strength " for action, out of his Estate of Righte-" outners or Innocency, wherein he was Created, into that Estate of Sin and Mi-" fery, wherein he plunged himself by his " Fall. And if so, then must it be supposed " also to remain in the same Vigour and " Strength in all his Posterity, (for there is " no reason to imagine a difference in this " point between Adam fallen, and all his " Posterity:) And if so, then all and every " Person of Mankind without exception,

" must be supposed to be in a Capacity of

"Salvation, yea to be in an immediate ca-pacity of doing such things as accompany

" Salvation. And if so, then Christ must

" of necessity be supposed to have dyed for

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This Notion that Adam had a Free-Will. and Pewer in himself, by his Re-creation; to Repent and do Good, and to work out his own Salvation. And that without Faith in

Christ, as follows, P. 9. before.

These things look very dark, appearing barefac'd, being contrary to Scripture Revelation. and the Christian Faith. And if we trace many Opinions in the World, and in this Nation, at this Day; it will plainly appear that they are Offsprings from this Original. As the Unitarian Herely in general, that Oppose

Of God's Works. Chapi to and deny the Essential Divinity of Christ, making Christ a Creature, and Subbordinate God. And the Doctrine of Free-Will, the Power of Man, Universal Redemption, &c. these spring from the same Root, making Christ a Meer Man; a Man Mediator, Priest, and Redeemer, &c. And as such was Filled with a greater measure of the Spirit of God more than other Men.

But the true Scripture Doctrine is. That Alohim, in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is One Jebovah, Alobim, One Spirit; Three in Person, and Personally Acting together. The Father Created all Things by Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of his Mouth; or thus according to the Original signification of their Names, the Father (Heb. Ab.) Willed. The Word (Heb Amar) Spake. The Spirit (Heb Ruach) Moved. or Atted. And thus we have it in the first Creation, Gen. I. And thus it is in all after Re-creations, or Renewings, to this Day; and will be so to the End of Time.

When it was the good will and pleasure of Jehovah Alobim, to Make the World, and Man in it, he did make it in Infinite Wildom. And by Understanding he did Establish the Heavens, Pro. III. 19. He did Foresee and Provide accordingly; and the First Word in the Hebrew Bible which is the Revelation and Word of Christ is much of this Mystery, Signifying

nifying In, By, or With the Head, or Chief Captain; he Created, or Ælohim did Create. That is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, did Create. It was by the Father's Will, Decree, and Unction, or Ordination; that Christ the Son was Anointed, to be the Builder, (as the Hebrew Ben a Son doth fignifie, from Bonab he Builded) or Creator of all Things. For all things were Created by Jesus Christ, and for him, and by him they do Confift. It was by the Father's Decree and Unction, that Christ the Son became the Mediatorial Head, over all things to the Church; as King, Prophet, and Prieft, and all this by Promise, and Covenant, And that before the World with an Oath. began. Adam was Created by Christ, for Christ, and in Christ, and in his Image, and had his Life from Christ, who is the Life of the World; and his Life is in him, having a living Relation to, and Dependancy on him; for Wisdom, and Righteon sness, and Sanctification, and Redemption; who is the Fountain of all good, the Foundation, the Head and Husband of his Church. The Head and Perfetion of Nature, of Grace, and of Glory.

and Perfection in a Creature, doth Subvert and Deny the Soveraignity and Supremary of Christ, as well as his Esential Divinity, and

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And great care ought to be taken, that the Moral Natural Virtues of Pagans, be not made Equal with, and pass for the Moral Spiritual, and Supernatural Graces of Christians, Received from Christ. Nor Comemon Grace in the Creature, for Special Saving Grace in Christ. And that the Ethicks of Moral Phylosophy, be not put in Competition

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Worship. And the Manner thereof. So also the Works of Providence are Perverted, either by Denying or Undervaluing the Soverainty and Supremacy of Christ, God Man, and Mediator, as King, Prophet and Priest, the Creator, Redeemer and Preserver of all Things. And also by Denying the Jehovahship of the Holy Spirit, the I bird Person in the Holy Trinity, his Office, and Divine Operations, as Revealed in the Holy Scripture.

CHAP. IV.

Concerning the Antiquity of the Divine and Humane Nature of Christ.

I would a little Inlarge to Demonstrate by the Holy Scripture, concerning the Antiquity of the Divine, and the Humane Nature of Christ, God Man, in One Person; who had a Spiritual Body, and was God Man, under the Former Dispensation. Though not Incarnate till his coming in the Flesh.

This being much Opposed, and little Believed; I take to be one great Cause of many Errors and Heresies, that do abound in this

Day.

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And here to lead the Way, I shall make Use of, and Improve some things made mention of before.

I. Gen. i. 1. In, By, or With the Head, or Head Captain Ælohim Created; thus according to the Original, and the current of the Scriptures. (as before, P. 11.) As God was in Christ Reconciling the World to himself, 2 Cor. v. 19. So here Ælohim was in Christ the Head, Creating the World. (not in him as Water in a Fountain, as some; or as a Man in a House; but in him Spiritually; as all Men in Adam are of one Nature, and Angels that are Spirits are but of One Angelical Nature. So the Father in Christ the Son, are but one Spirit.) And we read of Creators in many Places, (not distinct Essences, but Three Persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Asting in Unity together.) Hence we read of God the Father, Creating all things by Jesus Christ, Ephe. iii. 9. And by the Word of Jehovah, and by the Spirit of his Mouth, Plal. xxxiii 6. And that all things were Created by Jesus Christ, and for him. And that he is before all things, and by him all things Confert, Col. i. 16, 17. And he is the Head of all Principallity and Power.

2. Gen. i. 26. And Elobim said, We will make Adam In Our Image, In Our Likeness, and he shall have Dominion. Elobim said,

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that is Christ the Essential Word, Said, or God In Christ faid, We will make Adam, &c. Here is more than One, Here is the Father Willing, the Word Speaking, and the Holy Spirit Moving or Acting. In Our Image, In Our Likenefs. (Hence we learn that God in Chrift, has an Image or Likenefs, or Spiritual Body. And was capable of being the Anointed Son of God, the Builder or Creator of all things, and of being the Head over all things, Angels and Men) this is Spiritually to be understood, and not Carnally Senfual, or Earthly. Hence Man is faid to be Created or Renewed, in Knowledge, in Righteousness, and in Holiness, after the Image of him that Created him. Ephe. iv. 24. Col. iii. to. That is as a Creature, by Communication from Christ the Head, who is made of God unto us Wildom, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption, 1 Cor. i. 30. And he shall have Dominion, that is Adam, not an Absolute Dominion, for that belongs to none but Christ the Head thereof, by Decree and Unction; but Under and for Christ. Hence the Apostie Heb. ii. 8. applys this Dominion to Christ the Anoinfed Son. See the Context. So that Adam, he shall have Dominion, must intend under and for Christ his Soverain Head. And not Aspire to be like God, as he did by the Temptation of the Devil at his Fall, and this is agreeable to the whole Scripture.

3. Chriff is called the Son, Pfall ii. 6, 7. I have set up, Constituted or Anointed, (as this Word set up, doch signisie) my King, upon my Holy Hill of Zion; I will declare the Decree, Jeborab faid unto me, thou art my Son this Day, (or The Day Demonstratively) I have Begotten thee. Here we have Christ the Son Anointed or Begotten, a King or Soverain, and Supream Head by Decree and Unation. And Pro. viii. 22, 23. There we have the Time when Christ the Son was Constituted or Anointed, (where the same Word is used as in Pfal. ii.) That is from Everlasting, Before his Works of Old, Before the Earth was, Gc. Note, That the Name Christ is the fame as Anointed. And the Name Son, is the fame with he Builded, from the Root Banah as before. P. 11. So that Christ the Son, was by Detree and Unation, the Builder and Upholder of all things, by the Word of his Power, 1 as Hebuil 2,3. who is there also said to be the Brightness of his Fathers Glory, and the Express Image of his Person. That is Sprittally, as before P. 16. And here by the Image of God, I unde fand his Juftice, Knowledge, Righteonfness, and Holiness, as Ephe. iv. 24. Col iii. 10. 1 . 17 75

4. And by Man's being Created in the Image of God, or Renewed in Knowledge, Righteousness, Righteensness, and Holiness, after the Image of him that Created him. I take to be by grazious Communication from Christ the Head; who is made unto us Wisdom, and Righteensness, and Santtification, and Redemption, as before P. 11. And as Christ the Medisterial Head, was thus made to us by the Unition of the Holy Spirit, not by Measures, to give forth to all true Christians, or Anotheted ones; so they receive this Image by being Anointed with the Spirit of Christ.

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felves, not in our Imagination.

has not a Spiritual Image, though Incompreheighte, whereby to manifelt his Glory, seeing the Holy Scripture says he has, Eze. i. 26. Dan. vii. 9. 13. Rev. Chap. iv. 5. And Moses had a desire to see the Glory of God. And the Answer was no Adam shall see my Face and Live. But Moses had a sight of his Back Parts, enough to fill him with Association as a way to Manifest himself to Moses in the Mount, as v. 11. of the former Chapter, And Jebouah siake unto Moses Face to Face, as a man speaketh to his Friend. And our our Lord says, that the Angels above in Heaven, be bold the Face of my tather which is in Heaven, Mat. xviii. 10. And the Glorified Saints shall do so, Rev. xxii. 4. And the Holy Scripture informs us, that there are Spiritual Bodys, as well as Natural Bodys, and Celestial Bodys, as well as I crestial Bodys, and Cor. xv. 40, 44. And Spiritual and Heavenly Things are as Real and Substantial as Natural and Earthly, Heb. xi. 1. And Angels are said to have Bodys (though Pagans by their Metaphisicks, say they have none.) Eze. i Rev. iv. Chapters, and many other Places.

6. The many Mediatoral Names given to Christ the Son of God. (as the Word, the Son, Christ, Anointed, King, Prophet, Priest, Adonai, the Supporting Lord; Most High, Almighty, God of Hosts. God of Ifrael, The Might, God with us, The Might, God with me, King of Kings, Prince of Princes, Prince of Peace, Saviour, Redeemer, Shepherd, Root, Pine, Foundation, Head, Husband, Mediator, Man, &c.) These do shew, that Christ had a Spiritual Body, capable to perform such Offices. And was a Spiriture Man, God Man, Before his Incarnation. And is so called in many places of Scripture. And did often fo Appear then. Though afterward, he who was the Lord in Heaven, did Come from Hearen

Heaven, and was Incarnate, and did Humble

himself to Death.

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And much of this Mystery is held forth, by the Hebrew Word [IIh] Man, and a Hufband, as before P. XI. which is always to be understood Spiritually, Especially when Applied to Christ, the Son of God. And the Name Adam, is always to be understood of a Carnal, Earthly Man. It would be endless to Sum all that might be faid on this Head. therefore I shall Demonstrate it by a few plain Texts of Scripture.

DEMONSTRATION.

By Scripture,

I Tim. ii. 5. For there is One God, and One Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus. The Man Demonstratively; such a Man as there is none like him, or that may be compared with him. Who is God Man, as Chap. iii. 16. God manifest in Flesh. And Rom. ix. 5. God over all. And 1 Tim. i. 17. (speaking before of Christ) Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the Only Wife God, be Honour and Glory for Ever and Fver Amen. And Chap. vi. 15. (having before spoken of Christ, witnessing a good Confession before Pontius Pilate, v. 13. and of his Second Coming, and Appearance, v. 14.) proceeds, v. 15, 16, Which in his times

he shall shew, who is the Blessed and Only Potentate, King of Kings and LORD of Lords. Who only bath Immortality, dwelling in Light, which no man can approach unto 3 whom no man hath seen or can see, to whom be Honour, and Power Everlasting, Amen. And to this Jude agrees, Jude v. 25. To the Only Wife God our Saviour; be Glory and Majesty, and Power, both Now and for Ever, Amen.

And under the Former Dispensation our Lord did Appear as a Man, and Mediator, and did Converse with Men, of which much is faid in the doly Scripture, Gen. xxxii. 24. Jacob was left alone, and a Man (Heb. Isb) Wrestled with him v. 26-29. And v 30. He called the name of the Place Peniel, for he had seen God (Heb. Ælohim) Face to Face, and bis life was preserved. And Judges xiii. 10. Behold the Man (Heb. Ish) Appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. Who is there called the Angel Jehovah, And v. 16. The Angel Elohim, according to the Original. So concerning the Man that Wreftled with Jeach, Hoze xii. 3, 4, 5. He took his Brother by the heel in the Womb, and by his Brength he had power with Æ ohim. Yea be had power over the Angel and prevailed: he wept and made Suplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with Us. Even Jebovah.

Jehovah, Elohei of Hosts, Jehovah, is his Memorial. And Mal. iii. 1. There Christ is called the Angel or Meffenger of the Covenant. And Heb. viii. 6. The Mediat r of a better Covenant. And Eze. i. 26 One like the appearance of Adam. And Chap x. 2, 6. The Man (Heb. Is So Chap. xxxxvii. 3. and xxxx. 4. and Zech. vi. 12. The Man, (Heb 1/b) the Branch. and Zech. xiii. 7. The Man (Heb. Geber) The mighty man, that is my Fellow, Saith Jehovab. And Fal. lxxx. 17. The Man of thy Right Hand. And Jebovah Alohim of Hofts, as v. 19. And Dan. ix. 21. The Man Gabriel Heb. 1sb Gabriel) The Man, the Strong Powerful God. And Dan. x. 5, 6. And I listed up mine Eyes, and looked, and behold, a certain Man (Heb. Isb) Cloathed in Linnen, whose Loins were girded with fine Gold of Uphaz. His Body also was like Beril, and his Face as the appearance of Lightning, and bis Eyes as lamps of Fire, and his Arms and his Feet, like in colour to pollished Brass, and the Voice of his words as the voice of a multitude. v: 7. And I. Daniel alone faw the Vision, &c and v. 13. He is called Michael, that is. Who as God. And the Chief Prince, or the Prince of Princes. So Dan. viii. 25. And Chap. xii. 1. Michael the Great Prince. And Dan. iii. 25. He answered and said, Lo I see four Men loose, walking in the midst of the

CONCLUSION.

Hence I gather, that under the Former Difpensation, they had Visional Appearances of the Son of God. Who was a Spiritual Man, and had a Spiritual Body; and was then Jehovah Man. And the Man God's Fellow, and the Man of his Right Hand; and the Mighty Goa; and the Son of God. And this was well known, and believed then.

Adam was made in the Image of God, or Et him, in Christ his Head. And Christ the Son of God, was the Image of the Invisible God. And he was the Brightness of his Father's Glory, and the express Image of his Person; and Upholding all things by the

Word of his Power, as before.

Adam did Crucify to himself this Son of God in his Fall; and did Sin away this Image of Christ in him, which he received from Christ, which was Spiritual; and stood in Knowedge, in Righteon ness, and in Holgness, as before. This Adam Lost by the Fall, in Hearkning to the Temptation of the Devil; and Asviring after Knowledge in himself, to be Like God, or God Himself. And not Depending on Christ the Son of God, the Anointed

Anointed Soveraign, and Supreme Head of Man, and also the Supreme and Soveraign Head of all Principalities and Powers, Angels and Men. The good Angels they hear his Word, obey his Command, and do his Will, Psal. ciii.

19, 21.

Sometimes Christ the Anointed Son of God did Appear as an Angel, sometimes as a Man; who was the Head of Angels, and Men, as before. And in a more especial manner, the Head and Husband of his Church, Elect Angels, and Men. And though our Lord Jesus Christ did not take on him the Nature of Angels, to Redeem the Fallen Angels, (they were made in his Image as Man was.) Yet he took on him the Seed of Abrabam, Heb. ii. 16. He did take the Nature of Man into God, and was God Manifest in Flesh, (as before) to Redeem Fallen Man. He who was the Lord in Heaven, did come from Heaven, was Incarnate, did Suffer and Die for Mans Sin, and in his Room and Stead, to make a Plenary Satisfaction to Offended Justice. Gave himself a Ransome for All. That is, in special All the Seed of Abraham, (as before) All that are Regenerated, that are Born from Above, Born of the Spirit, that are Renewed, that are again Created into the Image of Christ, in Knowledge, in Righteoufness, and in Holyness; that Believe in Christ the Head of Nature, of Grace, and of Glory. As

As there is no Hope of Salvation for Fallen Angels. For their Sin in Rejecting Christ their Soveraign. Are they Reserved to Judgment, and an Example to Men. And as there is no other way of Salvation for Men, but by Faith in Christ. The Saviour of All that Believe. How Inexcusable will such be that will not Believe in, and Submit to, the Supremacy and Soveranity of Christ now.

CHAP. V.

Concerning the HOLY SPIRIT, the Third Person in the HOLY TRINITY. And the Spirit of Chrit.

Here are many Mistakes and Errors concerning this also.

And here I would Consider of the Di-

1. With respect to God: And to Crea-

1. God is a Spirit, an Infinite, Eternal, Unchangeable Spirit. The Spirit of Spirits; from whom all Created Spirits have their Spirits.

2. Angels are Created Spirits, He maketh his Angels Spirits, Psal. civ. 4. 3. There are Humane Created Spirits, The Souls that I have made, Isa. Ivii. 16. And both Angels and Men had their Spirits from God at First. And the Continuation thereof is from God; and they are not Perfect, or Abfolute Spirits in themselves; but Dependant on God.

I shall not descend further to the Consideration of the Nature of the Spirits of Beasts, whose Spirit is from the Earth. Though some have so far Degenerated, as to

Claim Kindned with them.

And here by the way, I would Observe, that as the Spirits of Men have Terestial Bodys, suited to their Natures. So it is not Irrational to Canceive that God who is an Infinite Eternal Spirit, has an Essential, Spiritual, Glorious Body, suited to his Essence; though Infinitely beyond our Conception, it being agreeable to Scripture Revelation.

2. I would Consider of the Nature of Spirits, as to their Opperation. And here again I would Consider of the Diversity of Spirits. And as before, I Descended from God to Creatures, so here I would Ascend

from Creatures to God.

Common Spirit swited to Nature, 1 Cor. ii.
12. For what Man knoweth the things of a Man, save the Spirit of Man which is in him;

him; even to the things of God knoweth no Man, but the Spirit of God.

of the World; as in the forementioned Text. Now we have not Received the Spirit of the World, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely Given to us of God.

3. There is an Evil Spirit, or a Spirit of the Evil One, Eph. ii. 20. Wherein times past ye walked according to the Course of this World; according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, the Spirit that now Work th in the Children of Disobedience

4. There is an Antichristian Spirit or a Spirit of Error, I John iv 1-6. Beloved believe not every Spirit, but try the Spirits whether they be of God, for many Falfe Prophets are gone out into the World. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God, every Spirit that Confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the Flesh, is of God. And every Spirit that Confesseth not, that Jesus Christ is come in the Flesh, is not of God; and this is the Spirit of Antichrist whereof you have heard that it (bould Come, and even now already it is in the World. Te are of God, little Children, and have overcome them, because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the World. They are of the World, and the

5. There is the HOLY SPIRIT, the Third Person in the Glorious Trinity. Whose Office and Work it is, to Communicate from God to Men. And to Move and Opperate in them.

6. There is the Spirit of Christ as God; and King, Priest, and Prophet. (1.) As a Man. (2.) As he is Jehovah, God Man. (3.) His Administratoral Spirit, as he is the Governour of the World. This is Peculiar to himself alone. Man is not Deisted with this Spirit.

7. There is the Administratoral Spirit of Christ as Mediator and Head of the Church, that he hath Received by Unction, not by Measure, but in Fullness; to give forth to the living Members of his Mystical Body. Which the Holy Spirit doth Receive from Christ, and shew it unto them, John xvi. 13, 14.

I would now take a little Notice of some Gross Errors many run into for want of a Right Understanding of the Truth, in this Point.

1. Some set up a Natural Common Spirit instead of the Spirit of Christ. And walk as they are led by that Spirit, or as they think best.

2. Some set up a Worldly Spirit, will have no more of Christ and Christianity, than will suit with their Worldly Interest;

according to the Course of this World.

3. Some are of an Antichristian Spirit, Oppose, Persecute, and speak Reprochfully of Christ, of Christianity, and of Christians.

4. Some are led away by a Diabelical Spirit, or a Spirit of False Prophecy. pretending to raised Manisestations. By Powerless, Lifetess, Spiritless Motion. And throw aside Christ and his Word. And here we had need beware and Try the Spirits whether they be of God; which may be Known these Ways.

1. When that is Foretold that doth not

Come to Pass, Deut. xviii. 21, 22.

2. When that is Foretold that is not True for Matter of Fact; and for Matter of Right, 2 Thef. ii. 8, 9, 10. Dut. xiii. 1, 2, 3.

3. When it is by all Colourable Fair Pretences, to Hide it from a Common Capacity, 2 Pet. i. 16. And there is much of this Phylosophy, and vain Deceit now-a-day; there be many such Juglers that would impose upon others, Falshood for Truth, as if it were from Christ and his Apostles. We had need

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I shall a little take Notice how we may know a Right Spirit of Prophecy, and draw

to Close.

1. A Right Spirit of Prophecy, is an InSpired Spirit, from the Infallile Mediator;
Foretelling such things to Come, which cannot be known by Natural Caules. Thus the
Penman of the Holy Scriptures, the Faithful
Prophets were, 1 Pet. i. 2.

nard Revelation, by a Spiritual Teaching of the Holy Spirit; whereby some are enabled to give forth the Right Meaning of the Propresent the Word. And this belongs to more

than the First Renmen.

Word, Submits himself the Author of the Word, Submits himself to be Trued by the Word. O what a Mercy is it, that we have such a Word of Prophecy; by which we may Try all Doctrines, Persons, and their Spirits by.

Ishall close with that forementioned Text. I John iv. 1—6. Beloved believe not every Spirit, but try the Spirits whether they be of God: because many Falce Prophets are gone out into the World.

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you, than he that is in the World.

They are of the World: therefore Speak they of the World, and the World heareth them.

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God, heareth not us: hereby know we the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Errour.

THUS

Christian Reader.

I have given a faithful and true account, of my Faith in Christ; and in his Word, according to that Light I have Received from the Holy Scriptures. And if thorough Frailty I am in any thing mistaken, I am heartily willing to receive Correction, and Instruction in Righteousness, from the Holy Scripture. And remain a lover of Christ, Christianity, and all true Christians.

POSTSCRIPT.

R Eligion is now become a Trade to live by. And the Christian Religion is E 2 Divided Divided into many Parts, and Parties (Being Intermixt with Jewish and Paganish Superstition.) Each Party Supporting their own particular Opinions, for their own private Interest.

But a whole Christ. The whole Word of Christ. And the whole of Man United toges ther, where is it to be found. These Three Wholes United, make up True Christians

and a True Christian Church.

And I know of no Man so sound in this Point, as Mr. Francis Bamphield Deceas d. who manisested the same by a Publique Prosession, and Practice. By a Holy Life and Conversation. And by his Doctrine and Writing. And Sealed the same by his Sufferings and Death.

By Ten Years Imprisonment for Christ's Sake. And at last Dying in Prison, a Martyr, (Witnessing) for Christ, at the End of the Reign of Charles the Second, who himself

did not Reign long after.

I Live in the Faith and Expectation of the Coming of Christ. When the Name Jehovah shall be One, and his Way One. And when he shall be Served with One Heart, and One Consent.

I find in Experience, that a mixt Communion, Especially in Fundamentals, is very uncomfortable, not agreeing with the Holy

Scripture.

Chap. 5. Of the Spirit.

If this little Extract be acceptable. And may come to the Hands of any Faithful Believing Christian Friend or Friends; that are made Willing to Assist, Counsel, or Advise, in the Cause of Christ. More may be Produced in Consirmation hereof.

And a further Enquiry into Scripture Prophecy; Concerning the First, and Second Coming of Christ in the Flesh. And of what is already Fulfilled; and what thereof is now Fulfilling, and of what Remains to be Ful-

filled.

Also concerning the Dragon and the Beast spoken of, Rev. Chap's. xii. and xiii. And their Marks by which they are Distinguished;

and of their Rife, Progress, and Fall.

And of the First Resurrection of the Just, and of the Victorious, and Glorious Kingdom of Christ, with his Saints on this Earth, a Thousand Tears, Before the General Resurrection; and the General Judgement.

Of which, though Fully, and Truly Revealed in the Holy Scriptures, is little Be-

lieved in this Day.

Person, Church, or Society among Protestants in this Nation. But laid down a General and Scripture Rule; by which all Particulars may Consider, Examin, and Try themselves,

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Lest any should misunderstand or pervert my Words, I shall make a summary Declaration of my Faith, by which they may be tried; as contained in that Scripture, 1 John. v. 7. For there are Three that bear Record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Spirit; and these THREE are ONE.

1. I Believe, that Jesus Christ; the Son of God, is JEHOVAH. Coequal, and Coeternal, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, in Unity of Essence; according to Scripture, and

Athanasius's Creed.

2. I Believe, that Jesus Christ is God; (or ÆLOHIM,) of God; as to Office, as Mediatoral Head, over all things to the Church; as King, Prophet, and Priest; officially Begotten, not made, or a Creature. According to Scripture, and the Nicene Creed.

3. I Believe, that Jesus Christ, is the Only Son of God, and our One and Only Lord, and Langiver. According to Scripture, and the

Apoliles Creed.

4 I Believe, that the Holy Scripture is the Word of God, and of Christ who is God; and is the One and Only Rule, of Faith, of Wor-

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ship, and of Life; contained in the Old and New Testament, as agreeing with the Original Hebrew, and Greek, and the 1st. 2d. 6th, and 8th. Articles of the Church of England.

and into this Faith I have been Educated; and into this Faith I have been Baptized, into Union, Communion, and Fellowship,

with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in?

Into this Faith I did make a Publick Confession to the Church I joined with. Into this Faith I enter'd into a solemn Covenant with God, by Fasting and Prayer, and by many solemn Acts of Worthip; and also by a publick Profession, above Forty Years.

In this Faith I now live, and do desire to die, in the Lord, and Peace of Conscience; in sull Assurance of Hope, to see, and to enjoy God; in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for ever; (above in Heaven.) And to joyn in that Heavenly Quire, in Singing Praises, and Haltelujahs, to God that sitteth on the Throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever. Rev. 5. 9—13. and Chip. 19. 1.—6.

And as it is a Grief to my Spirit, to hear any thing preached, published, or spoken to the dishonour of Christ, my Lord. Either of God, as Exclusive of the Son; or of

Christ, a Creature; not Jehovab.

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So it is a Joy to my Heart, to hear the Name, and Person of Christ exalted, as Jehovah, the Second Person in the holy Trinity. And of Christ Crucified, the Wisdom of God, and the Power of God; the Subject of Grace, and the Object of Worship.

Note, that as the Name Jehovah, is in the fingular

Number, and is a Name of Effence.

And the Name ELOHIM, is in the Plural Number, Comprehending the Trinity of Persons, in that One Essence.

So the Name, the WORD, is exprest by two Words in the Original, [AMAR] and [Dabar] the first of these is an Essential Official Word, and given to Christ as such in the holy Scripture.

And the word [Dabar] doth fignifie the declaritive Word of Christ, the boly Scripture, and is so used.

And the Name Son, [Heb Ben] is a Personal, Official.

and Medatorial Name of Christ.

And the Name Fesus or Foshuah is as Mediatorial, Official, Name of Christ, the Saviour, as King, and Priest. Zech.

6. 11.---13.

And the Name Christ, or Anointed, is a Spiritual, and Official Name of Christ. Setting forth the fullness of the Spirit, or the fullness of the God-head Bodily, with which Christ the Son is Anointed, by God the Father, to all his Mediatoral Offices, as King, Priest, and Prophet. And all his other Names, and Attributes, too many here to mention.

Note, Further, that the great Extreams, many do run into in Matters of Religion, has been one Cause of the great Confusion, that is in the World at this day.

For as some on the one Side, make Christ a Creature, a created God, before the World, and so deny his Essential

Divinity.

So others on the other hand say, Christ the Son, had no being before he was Born of the Virgin Mary; and then was a Creature, a God by Office, not by Nature, both these are Unitarians, and oppose the Trinity of Persons, in One Jehovah.

And it is matter of trouble to Me, that I me who plead for the Doctrine of the Trinity, own the Son to

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be God, yet say that Jesus Christ as Mediator, was a Creature, Created or Born before the Fall. Others after the Fall, on the first Sixth day.

And Others say, Jesus Christ was not before he was Born of the Virgin Mary. Though he was God before, yet he was not Jesus Christ, under the Old Testament.

The Mournful Confideration of these things, so much Controverted, and so little Believed, has been the Occasion of these sew lines. And if God will incline the Hearts of those that are better able, to do it better, and thereby mend what I have done amiss, for a mutual Ediscation, is my desire and Prayer.

And Lastly, As a Corrective to this Book, wherein I may

be Thort.

N. B. That by Image, or Body, ascribed to God in the holy Scripture, and herein mentioned. (1.) I do not understand, nor intend, that God has a Material Body, and Image, as Men have. But (2.) By Image, and Body, ascribed to God, or God the Son, who is God; I understand and intend, that God is a Real, Spirital, living Substance, or Existence; and Personall Subsistance. In contradistinction to a Shadow, Picture, or Image, that is not a Substance or Being.

And that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was and is Jehovah, the Second Person in the holy Trinity, both before and after his Incarnation. And that his being God Man, and Mediator, doth not Lessen, or Deminish, his Essential, Divinity, and Glorious Body, which no Carnal Man can see and live, Exo. 33. 20. Blessed are the pure in heart:

for they shall see God. Mat. 5. 20.

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